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Recently, twenty-five 5th graders from across Connecticut were honored at the State Capitol during my office's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Poster Contest. With over 1,000 entrants, the top five winning posters were from students in Manchester, Waterford, Stratford, Trumbull, and Watertown. Posters recognized acts of good citizenship including voting, donating blood, sending care packages to troops overseas, volunteering for charities, recycling and improving the environment. Congratulations to all of our students!

In other news, my office completed its 100th voting machine demonstration in Connecticut since June of 2006. Through the course of these demonstrations, we have helped introduce Connecticut's new optical scan voting technology to thousands of people at senior centers, schools, town halls, and other venues. In total, my office has held voting machine demonstrations in 58 different towns and cities in 52 weeks.

Finally, this Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, my office is hosting the Caribbean and Latin American Trade and Travel Symposium at the Legislative Office Building. This event represents a tremendous opportunity for small business owners, who are responsible for creating the vast majority of new jobs in this state, to network and learn from other entrepreneurs. For more information [click here](#) or visit [www.ctshowcase.org](http://www.ctshowcase.org).

Sincerely,

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Secretary of the State

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